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**Agenda Item 15a Polling Districts and Polling Places Review 2014/15
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This report is submitted under Agenda Item 15. The Chair will be asked to decide if it can be considered at the meeting under the provisions of Section 100B(4)(b) of the Local Government Act 1972 as a matter of urgency in order to meet the statutory requirements of the Electoral Registration and Administrative Act 2013 in respect of the completion of a review of Borough polling districts and associated polling places by 31 January 2015.

Title: Polling Districts and Polling Places Review 2014/15	
Report of the Chief Executive	
Open Report	For Decision
Wards Affected: All	Key Decision: Yes
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<p>Summary:</p> <p>The Council has a duty under the Electoral Administration Act 2006 to conduct a review of Borough polling districts (areas within ward boundaries) and associated polling places (stations). The Electoral Registration and Administrative Act 2013 introduced a requirement that a review must be undertaken every five years, the first of which must be undertaken between 1 October 2013 and 31 January 2015.</p> <p>The review process, undertaken by the Chief Executive in his capacities as the Acting Returning Officer and the Proper Officer for Electoral Registration, requires public consultation with relevant interested persons / organisations.</p> <p>Following a review and consultation over the summer, changes are proposed to 8 of the 17 wards in the Borough. Those wards are Abbey, Alibon, Becontree, Eastbrook, Eastbury, Longbridge, Thames and Whalebone. The remaining nine wards are unaffected. Details of the proposals for each ward and its polling districts and polling places, together with a summary of representations made on a ward-by-ward basis, are set out in detail in Appendix A.</p> <p>Maps showing the locations of polling places within the polling districts where changes are proposed as a result of the review are set out in Appendix B.</p> <p>The proposals in this report were considered and endorsed by the Cabinet at its meeting on 18 November 2014. To comply with legislation, the Assembly is required to formally agree the review proposals.</p>	

Recommendation(s)

The Assembly is recommended to:

- (i) Approve for publication the final proposals arising from the review of polling districts and associated polling places as detailed in Appendix A to the report; and
- (ii) Authorise the Chief Executive to agree any permanent or temporary arrangements until the commencement of the next review that are deemed appropriate in respect of alternative polling stations and/or reconfiguration of polling districts, subject to consultations with relevant ward councillors.

Reason(s)

In order for the Council to meet its statutory responsibility to review polling districts and polling stations every five years.

1. Introduction and Background

- 1.1 Every local authority area is divided into wards and those wards are divided into polling districts for voting purposes. A polling place (station) is designated for each polling district. Electors on the register for a particular polling district can vote in person only at their allocated polling place.
- 1.2 The Council has a duty under the Electoral Administration Act 2006 to conduct a review of Borough polling districts and associated polling places. The Electoral Registration and Administrative Act 2013 introduced a change to the timing of compulsory reviews to the extent that the next review must be started and completed between 1 October 2013 and 31 January 2015. Subsequent reviews must then be started and completed within a period of 16 months that starts on 1 October of every fifth year after 1 October 2013.
- 1.3 The review process, undertaken by the Chief Executive in his capacities as the Acting Returning Officer and the Proper Officer for Electoral Registration, requires public consultation with relevant interested persons / organisations. The review must deal with identifying polling places within defined polling districts. Actual ward, constituency and borough boundaries are unaffected by the review.
- 1.4 In line with the guidance issued by the Electoral Commission (EC), any representations made on the ARO submission within the review period which do not support the original proposals are required, where possible, to provide alternatives. The ARO must take account of the comments received and make necessary changes where appropriate, and is required to report on the outcome of the review to the Assembly for determination.
- 1.5 Following approval by the Assembly, the final proposals will be published on the Council's website including the reasons for choosing each particular polling district and polling place. All relevant correspondence, representations made, minutes and details will also be published.
- 1.6 Following the publication of the final arrangements the following are, by law, entitled to appeal direct to the EC within a period of six weeks:

- Groups of no less than 30 electors in a constituency (who have not previously made representations).
 - An elector who has previously made representations during the Review.
 - A person who is not an elector in the area but who the EC decides has expertise in access to premises or facilities for disabled people.
- 1.7 All representations to the EC must be in writing. They must be based on the grounds that the Council has not properly conducted the review because it has either failed to meet the reasonable requirements of electors, and/or taken insufficient account of accessibility for disabled people to the polling places within a polling district.
- 1.8 The decision of the EC on any representations will be published on their website and local authorities are encouraged to do likewise for transparency and completeness. Where appropriate the EC will direct local authorities to consider alterations to polling places that they deem necessary under the review.
- 1.9 The proposals, including changes to polling districts, will be contained in the Register of Electors next published in full on 1 December 2014 on the basis that any changes brought about by any successful challenges to the EC will be published in the next monthly update in January 2015 ahead of the Parliamentary Election in May 2015.

2. Proposal and Issues

- 2.1 The following statutory guidelines have been taken into account as part of the review:
- The Council must seek to ensure that all electors have such reasonable facilities for voting as are practicable in the circumstances;
 - The Council must seek to ensure that so far as is reasonable and practicable every polling place is accessible to electors who are disabled and that where they are not to make reasonable adjustments.
- 2.2 As both Council and non-Council premises are used as polling places it is not always possible to ensure full accessibility, such as disabled car parking, but where permanent access ramps are not in place temporary ramps are provided by Electoral Services for the day of an election. Access issues are also mitigated by the option that exists for all registered voters to apply for a postal vote, negating the need to vote in person.
- 2.3 Other guidelines are recognised as good practice, but may not always be possible:
- The polling place should be in its own polling district;
 - All polling places should relate to a single ward;
 - Natural, well-defined boundaries are preferred;
 - All properties in a minor road or estate should be in the same polling district (unless the ward or constituency boundary makes this impossible);
 - There should be an even spread of polling places;
 - The polling district should be the 'catchment area' for the polling place and no elector should have to pass another polling place to get to their own;

- The polling places that voters are familiar with are not changed unless there is a strong need to do so.
- 2.4 Previous reviews have taken account all of the above factors to ensure, as far as practicable, all sites are compliant and Electoral Services staff have continued to monitor the suitability of polling places through visits and reports of presiding officers and polling station inspectors at previous elections including the last local elections held in May 2014.
- 2.5 With regard to the types of buildings used as polling places, every effort is made to find alternatives to schools, as this can require the school to be closed for the day and causes disruption to pupils, teachers and parents. However this is not always possible due to the lack of suitable and available alternatives within each polling district.
- 2.6 The schedule in **Appendix A** sets out each ward, its polling districts, the number of electors allocated to each polling district as at September 2014 and details of the existing polling places. The ARO's general observations are set out under each ward where relevant, together with a summary of any representations made and the final recommended proposals for each ward.
- 2.7 A summary of the proposed changes are as follows:
- **Abbey Ward** – Polling district AB to be relocated from Barking and Dagenham Foyer, 50 Wakering Road to St Mary's and St Ethelburga's Catholic Church, Linton Road.
 - **Alibon Ward** – Polling district KD to be relocated from Platform 51, Adjacent to 321 Heathway to Parsloes Primary School, Spurling Road.
 - **Becontree Ward** – Establishment of new polling district VE to be located at St Thomas More Church, Longbridge Road to accommodate increased electorate arising from the former University of East London development.
 - **Eastbrook Ward** - Polling district MA to be relocated from Rush Green Infant School, Dagenham Road to Barking and Dagenham College, Dagenham Road.
 - **Eastbury ward** - Polling districts CA and CD to be relocated from Eastbury Manor House, Eastbury Square and the portacabin site opposite John Smith House, Bevan Avenue respectively to Eastbury Primary School, Dawson Avenue.
 - **Longbridge Ward** - Polling district FA to be relocated from Faircross Community Association Hall, Hulse Avenue to Chestnut Nursery, Longbridge Road and polling district FD to be relocated from Faircross Community Association Hall, Hulse Avenue to a building or portacabin in or around the area of the Barking Hospital site.
 - **Thames Ward** - Establishment of new polling district JE (at a location to be determined) to serve residents of the eastern end of Thames View.
 - **Whalebone Ward** - Polling district LD to be relocated from Forsters Close Community Room, Forsters Close to Chadwell Heath Community Centre, High Road.
- 2.8 Maps showing the locations of polling places within the polling districts where changes have been made as a result of the review are set out in **Appendix B**.

- 2.9 It should be noted that the review represents the circumstances that exist at this point in time and it is possible that alternative arrangements may need to be made come the time of an election. This could be due, for example, to the unavailability of a particular polling place owing to refurbishment works or a significant change in the size of the electorate. Any such changes would not require a formal review. Recommendation (ii) of this report seeks to address these eventualities.

3. Options Appraisal

- 3.1 A number of alternative sites for polling places were considered as part of the review and responses to the consultation but were rejected, for the reasons set out in **Appendix A**.

4. Consultations

- 4.1 The Act places a duty on local authorities to ensure that all relevant groups and individuals are given the opportunity to comment on the proposals being put forward for polling places, particularly in relation to access to premises or facilities for persons with disabilities.
- 4.2 The review was announced on 19 August 2014 by way of a notice on the Council's web site. Details of the review together with the Acting Returning Officer's submission commenting on the existing polling stations and any proposals for change were circulated for comment to all Councillors, the Borough's MPs, the relevant MEP and GLA members, local political parties, Council officers with an interest and identified relevant organisations such as those that may have an expertise in access to premises or facilities for people with disabilities. The consultation, which was also open to all local electors, closed on Friday 19 September 2014.
- 4.3 The representations received were principally from Councillors.
- 4.4 The proposals in this report were considered and supported by the Cabinet at its meeting on 18 November 2014.

5. Financial Implications

Implications confirmed by: Carl Tomlinson, Group Manager Finance

- 5.1 The cost of this review (including employee costs, general office expenses, and the cost of consultation) has been met from within the existing Electoral Services budgets, with no additional funding required.
- 5.2 Any additional costs in relation to the hire of temporary or permanent buildings to utilise as polling stations, as a result of this review, will be met from the Elections budget. As the next election is a General Election any costs will be met by central Government, hence preserving the Council's Election budget.

6. Legal Implications

Implications confirmed by: Eldred Taylor-Camara, Legal Group Manager

- 6.1 Each constituency is divided into polling districts for the purposes of Parliamentary elections. The Electoral Administration Act 2006 provides that the Council must divide its areas into districts and keep the polling districts under review.
- 6.2 A polling district must have a designated polling place. Section 18C of the Electoral Administration Act 2006 places a duty on the Council to conduct regular reviews of polling districts and polling places. The Electoral Registration and Administrative Act 2013 sets the timing of the compulsory reviews.
- 6.3 Schedule 1 of the Local Authorities, (Functions and Responsibilities)(England) Regulations 2000 (as amended) lists the polling districts review function as one that cannot be the responsibility of an authority's executive. Therefore, at LBBB the responsibility rests with the Assembly.

7. Other Implications

- 7.1 **Risk Management** - It is important to conclude and publish the Council's final arrangements for polling districts and places so as to properly plan for the Parliamentary Election on 7 May 2015. Provisional bookings of venues aim to ensure that buildings will be available for the Parliamentary election and any issues that may arise will be dealt with on a case by case basis.
- 7.2 **Corporate Policy and Customer Impact** - Electoral Services has previously been subject to an Equalities Impact Assessment (EIA) including the provision of elections, which included analysis of polling station locations taking into account the needs of particular communities as regards race, faith, disability, age and gender.

As part of the requirements of the review relevant organisations with a focus on disability were consulted on the proposals.
- 7.3 **Crime and Disorder Issues**- The review has sought to ensure that polling places are in open and accessible areas for a range of reasons including matters of crime and disorder as well as public and staff safety.
- 7.4 **Property / Asset Issues** - There are no direct property and/or assets issues for the Council, although by the very nature of the proposals any future change of use or availability of current polling places may require alternative arrangements to be made.

Background Papers Used in the preparation of the Report: None

List of appendices:

- **Appendix A** - List of proposals with comments and recommendations
- **Appendix B** - Maps showing the locations of the changed polling places within districts

Polling Districts and Polling Places (stations) Representations

Abbey Ward

Current arrangements

Polling district	Electors	Polling Place	Disabled Access
AA	2116	Eastbury Comp School, Rosslyn Road, Barking	Yes
AB	2547	Barking and Dagenham Foyer, 50 Wakering Road, Barking	Yes
AC	2624	Abbey Ward Community Centre, Cowbridge Lane, Barking	Yes
AD	1575	Barking Learning Centre, Town Square Barking	Yes

ARO's Initial comments

Barking and Dagenham Foyer currently serves AB polling district. However due to the lack of suitable space the two stations were set up on the first floor which proved inconvenient to some voters with mobility problems. Additionally the multi use of the building does not lend itself as use as a polling station. .

A visit was undertaken to St Mary's and St Ethelburga's Catholic Church, Linton Road, Barking which is available and is seen as suitable for use as a polling station having full disabled access.

Abbey Ward Comments

None received

Final proposals

Existing polling places serving AA/AC/AD polling districts to remain with some relatively minor reconfiguration of the districts to reflect the change below

Relocate the former polling station at Barking and Dagenham Foyer to St Mary's and St Ethelburga's Catholic Church, Linton Road to serve the reconfigured AB polling district.

The revised arrangements if approved for the ward would be as follows:

Polling district	Electors	Polling Place	Disabled Access
AA	2115	Eastbury Comp School, Rosslyn Road, Barking	Yes
AB	2638	St Mary's and St Ethelburga's Catholic Church, Linton Road	Yes
AC	2533	Abbey Ward Community Centre, Cowbridge Lane, Barking	Yes
AD	1576	Barking Learning Centre, Town Square Barking	Yes

Alibon Ward

Current arrangements

Polling district	Electors	Polling Place	Disabled Access
KA	2971	St Georges Church Hall, Rogers Road Dagenham	Yes
KB	1480	Richard Alibon Primary School, Alibon Road, Dagenham	Yes
KC	923	Dagenham Evangelical Cong. Church Hall, Osborne Square, Dagenham	Yes
KD	1931	Platform 51, Adjacent to 321 Heathway, Dagenham	Yes

ARO's Initial comments

KD – Platform 51, Adjacent to 321 Heathway, Dagenham

The current arrangements to remain in place pending future discussions with the Head Teacher about the possibility of relocating a polling station in a suitable location in Parsloes Primary School, Spurling Road to serve KD polling district.

Alibon Ward Comments

Following complaints about the location and state of the facilities at Platform 51 it was suggested that the polling station be relocated to either Bethel Church in Parsloes Avenue or Parsloes Primary school.

ARO's comments

Existing polling places serving KA/KB/KC polling districts to remain

KD- Bethel Church have confirmed that due to the continuation of renovation works the site will not be available to use next year. Following discussions with the Parsloes Primary Business Manager, agreement has been reached that a suitable space will be made available in the school to act as a polling station to serve the polling district

Final proposals

The revised arrangements if approved for the ward would be as follows:

Polling district	Electors	Polling Place	Disabled Access
KA	2971	St Georges Church Hall, Rogers Road Dagenham	Yes
KB	1480	Richard Alibon Primary School, Alibon Road, Dagenham	Yes
KC	923	Dagenham Evangelical Cong. Church Hall, Osborne Square, Dagenham	Yes
KD	1931	Parsloes Primary School, Spurling Road	Yes

Becontree Ward

Current arrangements

Polling district	Electors	Polling Place	Disabled Access
VA	2322	Bethel Christian Centre, Bennetts Castle Lane, Dagenham	Yes
VB	1891	The Vibe, 195-211 Becontree Avenue, Dagenham	Yes
VC	1755	St. Thomas Church, Haydon Road, Dagenham	Yes
VD	2831	The Erkenwald Tuition Centre, Marlborough Road, Dagenham	Yes

ARO's Initial comments

The amount of development and the increased electorate on the former UEL site requires the reconfiguration of VD polling district and the creation of new VE polling district. This will require the need to identify an additional polling place within the locality of the new polling district.

Becontree Ward Comments

Suggestion to use the new the Manor Longbridge Primary School or failing that the St Thomas More Church as a polling station for residents located primarily on the former UEL site.

ARO comments

An approach has been made to the Head Teacher of the new school who has explained that the only space that would be available and suitable as a polling station would be the main hall which is used for dining. This would necessitate the closure of the whole school for the day which the Head teacher is not prepared to sanction. In those circumstance an approach was made to the St Thomas More Church on Longbridge Road who have agreed to make available rooms which will be used to serve the new VE polling district, made up of those properties on the former UEL campus site as set out below

Final proposals

The revised arrangements if approved for the ward would be as follows:

Polling district	Electors	Polling Place	Disabled Access
VA	2322	Bethel Christian Centre, Bennetts Castle Lane, Dagenham	Yes
VB	1730	The Vibe, 195-211 Becontree Avenue, Dagenham	Yes
VC	1755	St. Thomas Church, Haydon Road, Dagenham	Yes
VD	1799	The Erkenwald Tuition Centre, Marlborough Road, Dagenham	Yes
VE	1192	St Thomas More Church, Longbridge Road	Yes

The roads making up the reconfigured VD and the new VE polling district are as follows:

VD

Amidas Gardens, Babington Road, Cotesmore Gardens, Dorothy Gardens
Fitzstephen Road, Goring Gardens, Highgrove Road, Hogarth Road
Lodge Avenue (part of), Longbridge Road (part of), Lowry Road, Marlborough Road
Peartree Gardens, Rutland Gardens and Stonard Road

VE

Academy Way, Campus Avenue, Chancellor Way, College Way, Dean Path, Fellowship
Close, Honour Gardens, Lodge Avenue (part of), Longbridge Road (part of including
Academy Court), Scholars Way and Waterside Close

Chadwell Heath Ward

Current arrangements

Polling district	Electors	Polling Place	Disabled Access
QA	2184	Marks Gate Community Complex, Rose Lane, Chadwell Heath	Yes
QB	1568	Marks Gate Baptist Church Hall, Bardfield Avenue, Chadwell Heath	Yes
QC	1751	United Reformed Church Hall, Mill Lane, Chadwell Heath	Yes
QD	1708	Eastern Avenue Baptist Church, East Road	Yes

ARO's Initial comments

No proposed changes to existing arrangements

Chadwell Heath Ward Comments

Comment received about polling station QB which is bounded by Danbury Close, Bardfield Avenue and Newhouse Avenue.

Suggestion that both Newhouse Avenue residents and the elderly residents of 2 – 28 Rosehatch Avenue should be relocated from QA polling district to QB polling district, due to the unreasonable walking distance.

Final proposals

No changes to existing arrangements apart from the reconfiguration of the QA and QB electorate to address the above comments.

Eastbrook Ward

Current arrangements

Polling district	Electors	Polling Place	Disabled Access
MA	3921	Rush Green Infant School, Dagenham Road, Rush Green	Yes
MB	2032	Eastbrook School, Dagenham Road, Dagenham	Yes
MC	1851	Dagenham & Redbridge F.C, Victoria Road, Dagenham	Yes

ARO's Initial comments

MA – Rush Green Infant School. Following changes to the site of the actual polling room and general concerns expressed by the school about the loss of teaching time it was suggested that as an alternative consideration is given to relocate to Barking and Dagenham College.

Eastbrook Ward Comments

No comments received

ARO comments

MA- A visit has been made to the site and an accessible room can be made available for use as a polling station that would not disrupt College activities.

Final proposals

The revised arrangements if approved for the ward would be as follows:

Polling district	Electors	Polling Place	Disabled Access
MA	3921	Barking and Dagenham College, Dagenham Road	Yes
MB	2032	Eastbrook School, Dagenham Road, Dagenham	Yes
MC	1851	Dagenham & Redbridge F.C, Victoria Road, Dagenham	Yes

Eastbury Ward

Current arrangements

Polling district	Electors	Polling Place	Disabled Access
CA	1886	Eastbury Manor House, Eastbury Square, Barking	Yes
CB	3220	St John The Divine Church, Goresbrook Road, Dagenham	Yes
CC	1585	Eastbury Manor House, Eastbury Square, Barking	Yes
CD	1352	Porta Cabin, Opposite John Smith House, Bevan Avenue, Barking	Yes

ARO's Initial comments

CA and CC polling stations are both in Eastbury Manor House as there are no alternative sites in this area.

CA/CD – Although all efforts are made to avoid the use of school sites the use of porta cabins used at the last elections in CD polling district are viewed as a last resort if no suitable alternative sites are identified. In those circumstances it is favoured to relocate to Eastbury Primary School in Dawson Avenue, the site being better placed geographically to serve the communities in both polling districts. The current arrangements will however remain in place pending discussions with the Head Teacher in September 2014.

Eastbury Ward Comments

None received

Final proposals

Existing polling place serving CB polling district to remain

Following discussions with the Head Teacher CA and CD polling districts will be relocated to the Eastbury Primary School with Eastbury Manor House reverting to serving CC polling district only.

The revised arrangements if approved for the ward would be as follows:

Polling district	Electors	Polling Place	Disabled Access
CA	1886	Eastbury Primary School, Dawson Avenue	Yes
CB	3220	St John The Divine Church, Goresbrook Road, Dagenham	Yes
CC	1585	Eastbury Manor House, Eastbury Square, Barking	Yes
CD	1352	Eastbury Primary School, Dawson Avenue	Yes

Gascoigne Ward

Current arrangements

Polling district	Electors	Polling Place	Disabled Access
DA	4073	Gascoigne Community Centre, St Anns, Barking	Yes
DB	1377	Salvation Army Hall, Morley Road, Barking	Yes
DC	1295	Salvation Army Hall, Morley Road, Barking	Yes
DD	678	Ripple Centre, St Erkenwald Road, Barking	Yes

ARO's Initial comments

DB and DC polling stations are both in Salvation Army Hall as there are no alternative suitable sites in the area.

Gascoigne Ward Comments

None received

Final Proposals

No changes to the current arrangements

Goresbrook Ward

Current arrangements

Polling district	Electors	Polling Place	Disabled Access
EA	1933	Hatfield Community Centre, Hatfield Road, Dagenham	Yes
EB	2883	Dawson Christian Centre, 330 Hedgemans Road, Dagenham	Yes
EC	1580	St. Peters Parish Centre, Goresbrook Road, Dagenham	Yes
ED	1530	Harmony House, Baden Powell Close, Dagenham	Yes

ARO's Initial comments

No proposed changes to existing arrangements

Goresbrook Ward Comments

None received

Final Proposals

No changes to the current arrangements

Heath Ward

Current arrangements

Polling district	Electors	Polling place	Disabled Access
PA	747	Wantz Hall, Rainham Road North, Dagenham	Yes
PB	1317	Becontree Heath Methodist Church, The Broadway, Dagenham	Yes
PC	2822	Heath Park Hall, Rusholme Avenue, Dagenham	Yes
PD	2750	Five Elms School, Wood Lane, Dagenham	Yes

ARO's Initial comments

No proposed changes to existing arrangements

Heath Ward comments

None received

Final proposals

No proposed changes to existing arrangements

Longbridge Ward

Current arrangements

Polling district	Electors	Polling Place	Disabled Access
FA	2602	Faircross Community Assn Hall, Hulse Avenue, Barking	Yes
FB	3783	Manor Junior School, Sandringham Road, Barking	Yes
FC	1478	Lovelace Gardens Community Hall, Lovelace Gardens, Barking	Yes
FD	620	Faircross Community Assn Hall, Hulse Avenue, Barking	Yes

ARO's Initial comments

FA/FD – Unable to use Faircross Community Assn Hall for future elections due to planned renovation works.

Approach be made to the church authorities about the possibility of relocating both stations to St Erkenwald Church Levett Road.

Also consideration to be given for the longer term use of a proposed new community facility in Stephen Jewers Gardens for the relocation of FD Polling station to serve FD polling district (former Barking Hospital site) .

FC –Lovelace Gardens Community Hall. Feedback from ward councillors from the last election that the site is not particularly accessible as a polling station.

Longbridge Ward Comments

FA – Consider the use the Indoor Bowling Club in Barking Park as a polling station.

FA/FD- Consider the use of a room(s) in the new Chestnut Nursery in Longbridge Road to serve both polling districts

FB/FC- Use Manor Infants School to serve both polling districts rather than the Junior School site which served FB only at the time of the last elections, when due to building works a temporary location within the school was used, which caused difficulties for voters due to the building works.

ARO Comments

FA- The option of using the Indoor Bowling Club to serve the polling district has previously been considered but rejected seeing its remote location within the park and security concerns brought about by poor (virtually non- existent) external lighting. In addition the location would be an unreasonable distance for assigned voters to walk. The same argument would apply to the nursery site.

FB/FC -The Head Teacher of the Manor Infants School has been approach with the view to using the Infants instead of the Junior site to serve both polling districts but is not prepared to change locations. In the circumstances with the building works which disrupted the local elections in May 2014 completed, the location of the polling station in

the Junior school will revert back for the Parliamentary election in May 2015 serving polling district FB only as before.

FC - Despite the concerns about the suitability of the community rooms in Lovelace Gardens it is proposed to retain its use to serve the polling district with improved signage, whilst continuing to keep all options open to identify a suitable alternative site/building within the locality.

FA/FD- An approach was made to the church authorities about the possibility of using St Erkenwald Church as an alternative polling place to serve both polling districts but unfortunately they are not prepared to hire the building for electoral purposes.

A site visit to the Chestnut Nursery in Longbridge Road has been undertaken and although there is limited space for two polling stations it would be adequate as a single polling station most appropriately serving **FA** polling district.

Officers will continue to review alternative venues within the **FD** polling district (the area in and around the former Barking Hospital site) including in the longer term the use of any new community facilities such as that earmarked at Steven Jewers Gardens. If however no suitable buildings are identified in the run up to the Parliamentary Election in May 2015 then it will be necessary to consider the use of a suitably located portacabin within the polling district.

Final proposals

The revised arrangements if approved for the ward would be as follows:

Polling district	Electors	Polling Place	Disabled Access
FA	2602	Chestnut Nursery, Longbridge Road	Yes
FB	3783	Manor Junior School, Sandringham Road, Barking	Yes
FC	1478	Lovelace Gardens Community Hall, Lovelace Gardens, Barking	Yes
FD	620	New community building or suitably located portacabin	TBC

Mayesbrook Ward

Current arrangements

Polling district	Electors	Polling Place	Disabled Access
HA	2420	St Cedds Church Hall, Lodge Avenue, Dagenham	Yes
HB	2044	Mencap Society, 27-29 Woodward Road, Dagenham	Yes
HC	1672	Ted Ball Hall, Neasham Road, Dagenham	Yes
HD	1057	St. Teresa's Primary School, Bowes Road, Dagenham	Yes

ARO's Initial comments

HB – Mencap Society - Feedback from voters and polling staff as to the lack of parking facilities at the site and a concern for the safety of voters as the station is in a courtyard off a main road.

HC - Ted Ball Hall- Concerns expressed by polling inspectors and polling staff that the shared use of the building at the last elections with a dance group was not appropriate.

The current arrangements to remain in place for both sites pending future discussions with the Community Association regarding the future exclusive use of Ted Ball Hall, as well as Head Teachers about the possibility of identifying a suitable area to relocate HB polling district to Roding Primary in Cannington Road and HC polling district to Dorothy Barley School, Ivinghoe Road, Dagenham.

Mayesbrook Ward Comments

None received

ARO's Comments

HC- The management of Ted Ball Hall are prepared to cancel other bookings for the building on election days.

HB- The Head Teacher of Roding Primary school was approached about using a room in the school to serve HB poling district but felt unable to support the suggestion as it would mean having to close the school which they are not prepared to do so.

Final proposals

For the reasons outlined no change to the current arrangements.

Parsloes Ward

Current arrangements

Polling district	Electors	Polling Place	Disabled Access
NA	1688	Kingsley Hall, Parsloes Avenue, Dagenham	Yes
NB	2318	Fanshawe Hall, Barnmead Road, Dagenham	Yes
NC	1945	St Mary's Church Hall, Grafton Road, Dagenham	Yes
ND	1028	Kingsley Hall, Parsloes Avenue, Dagenham	Yes

ARO's Initial comments

NA/ND- Polling stations are both in Kingsley Hall as there are no suitable alternative sites in the area

Parsloes Ward Comments

None received

Final proposals

No changes to the current arrangements

River Ward

Current arrangements

Polling district	Electors	Polling Place	Disabled Access
RA	1732	Dagenham Library, 1 Church Elm Lane, Dagenham	Yes
RB	1576	Jays Youth and Community Club, Ridgewell Close, Dagenham	Yes
RC	2391	Beam Primary School, Oval Road North, Dagenham	Yes
RD	1747	Thomas Arnold School, Arnold Road, Dagenham	Yes

ARO's Initial comments

RB - Jays Youth and Community Club. The feedback from the polling staff at the last election was that the venue was suitable in terms of the available space and facilities although as the site was away from the main Road it proved difficult for some voters to locate. Improved signage would aid voters.

River Ward Comments

RB- More signage should be placed in the roads leading to Jays Community Club

Final proposals

No changes to existing arrangements other than more signage to be put in place at Jays Community Club.

Thames Ward

Current arrangements

Polling District	Electors	Polling Place	Disabled Access
JA	4908	Thames View Hall, Bastable Avenue, Barking	Yes
JB	588	Scrattons Farm Hall, Morrison Road, Barking	Yes
JC	269	St. John The Divine Church, Goresbrook Road, Dagenham	Yes
JD	1534	Rivergate Centre, Minter Road, Barking	Yes

ARO's Initial comments

The pace of development and increasing electorate on the Thames View Estate has necessitated a review and reconfiguration of the existing JA/JD polling districts with the creation of an additional polling district (JE). This will require the need to identify an additional polling place within the locality of the new polling district, either an existing building or a suitably located portacabin.

Thames Ward Comments

No comments received

Final proposals

The revised arrangements if approved for the ward would be as follows:

Polling District	Electors	Polling Place	Disabled Access
JA	3843	Thames View Hall, Bastable Avenue, Barking	Yes
JB	588	Scrattons Farm Hall, Morrison Road, Barking	Yes
JC	269	St. John The Divine Church, Goresbrook Road, Dagenham	Yes
JD	1531	Rivergate Centre, Minter Road, Barking	Yes
JE	1063	Portacabin or an existing building	TBC

The roads making up the new JE polling district are: Almanza Place
Bastable Avenue (part of), Blessing Way, Crouch Avenue, Dettingen Place
Great Galley Close, Havering Way, Keel Close, Pompadour Way
Renwick Road, Salamanca Place, Sovereign Road, Stern Close
Tiger Close and Wanderer Drive

Valence Ward

Current arrangements

Polling district	Electors	Polling Place	Disabled Access
TA	1071	Education Suite – Visitors Centre, Valence House Museum, Margery Road, Dagenham	Yes
TB	1931	Henry Green School, Chitty Lane, Dagenham	Yes
TC	2269	Henry Green School, Chitty Lane, Dagenham	Yes
TD	2173	Grafton Junior School, Grafton Road, Dagenham	Yes

ARO's Initial comments

No proposed changes to existing arrangements

Valence Ward Comments

None received

Final proposals

No changes to the existing arrangements.

Village Ward

Current arrangements

Polling district	Electors	Polling Place	Disabled Access
UA	1913	Village Ward Comm. Centre, Vicarage Road, Dagenham	Yes
UB	2426	Village Church Hall, Exeter Road, Dagenham	Yes
UC	786	Teresa Greene Hall, Leys Avenue, Dagenham	Yes
UD	2345	John Perry School, Charles Road, Dagenham	Yes

ARO's Initial comments

No proposed changes to existing arrangements

Village Ward Comments

UC- Improved location signage to be provided

Final proposals

No changes to existing arrangements other than more signage for Teresa Green Hall

Whalebone Ward

Current arrangements

Polling district	Electors	Polling Place	Disabled Access
LA	1932	Hartley Brook Church, Rosslyn Avenue, Dagenham	Yes
LB	2394	Catterall Hall, Cecil Road, Chadwell Heath, Romford	Yes
LC	1437	Christian Fellowship Hall, 947A Green Lane, Becontree, Dagenham	Yes
LD	1743	Forsters Close Comm. Room, Forsters Close, Chadwell Heath	Yes

ARO's Initial comments

No proposed changes to existing arrangements

Whalebone Ward Comments

None received

ARO comments

Existing polling places serving LA/LB/LC polling districts to remain

LD- Although there were no initial proposals to relocate Forsters Close Community Room a visit was made to the new Chadwell Heath Community Centre (former Robert Jeyes library). It is regarded as a more suitable location to serve the polling district particular from an access perspective.

Final proposals

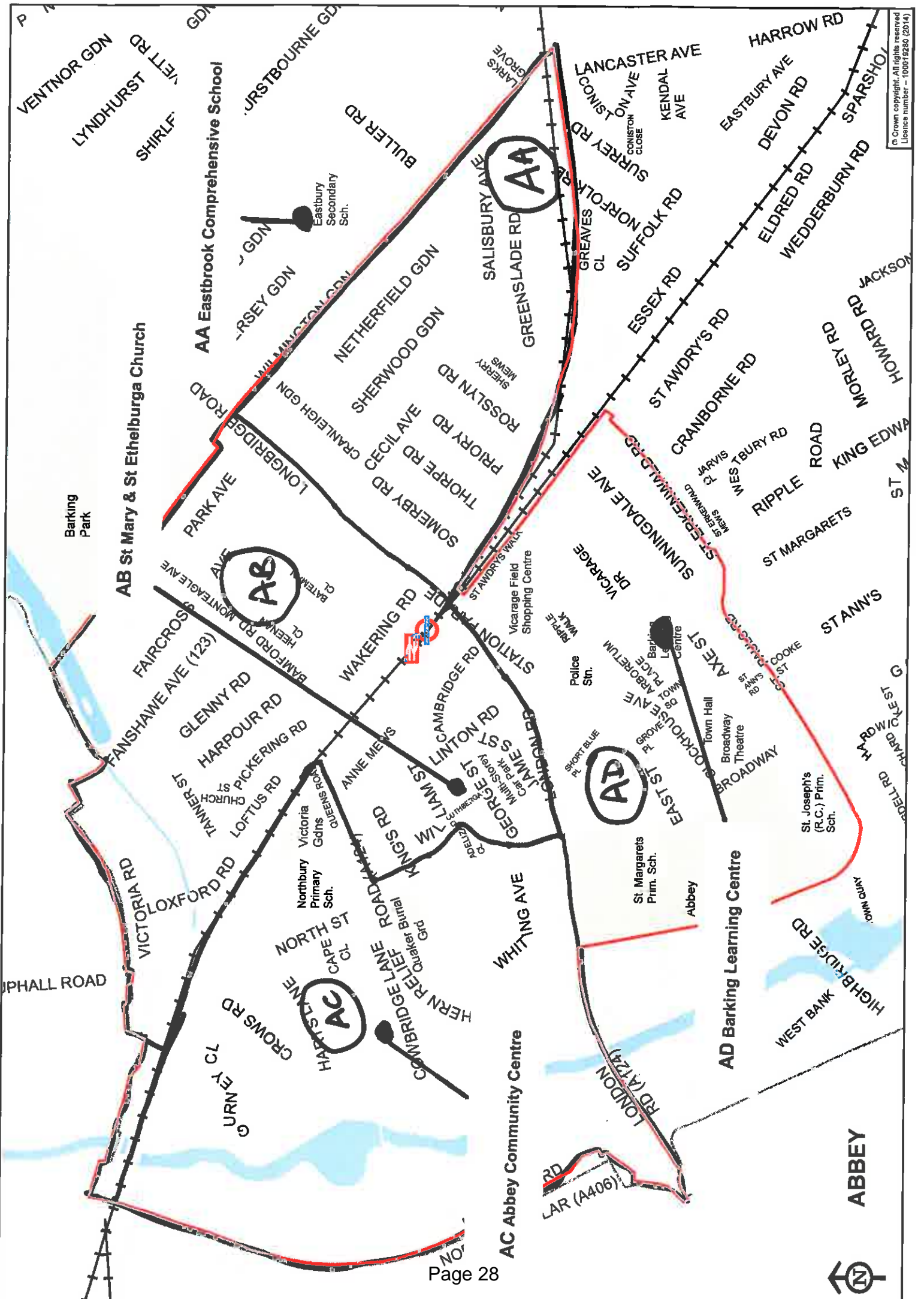
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LB	2394	Catterall Hall, Cecil Road, Chadwell Heath, Romford	Yes
LC	1437	Christian Fellowship Hall, 947A Green Lane, Becontree, Dagenham	Yes
LD	1743	Chadwell Heath Community Centre, High Road	Yes

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APPENDIX B

LOCATIONS MAPS OF THOSE WARDS INVOLVING PROPOSED POLLING STATION CHANGES



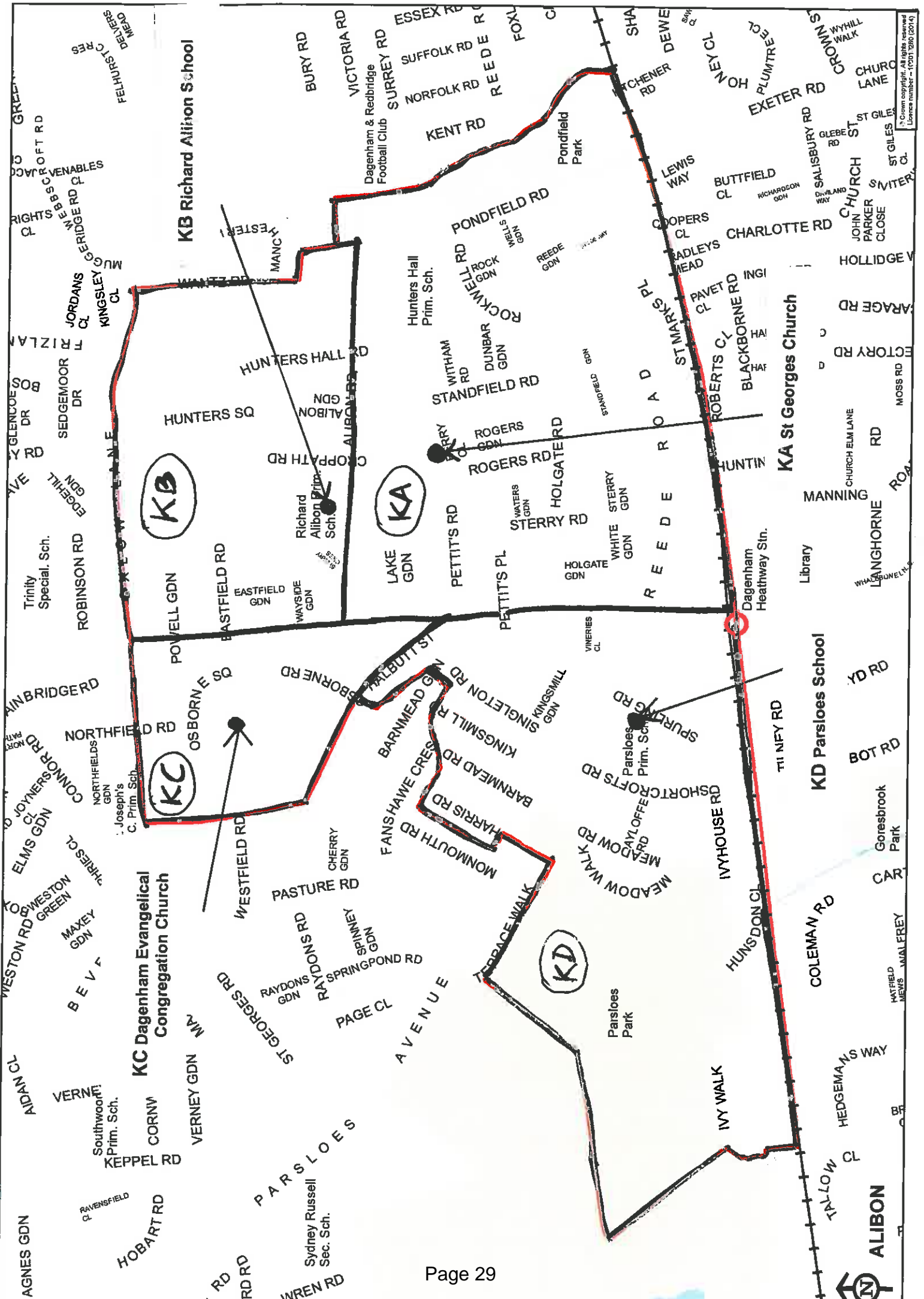
AB St Mary & St Ethelburga Church

AA Eastbrook Comprehensive School

AC Abbey Community Centre

AD Barking Learning Centre





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ALIBON

VC St Thomas Church Hall

VC

Henry Green Prim. Sch.

VB The Vibe

VB

VA Bethel Christian Centre

VA

VE St Thomas More Church

VE

Manor Prim. Sch.

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VD The Erkenwald Tuition Centre

St Teresa's R.C. Prim. Sch.

Roding Prim. Sch. (Site 1)

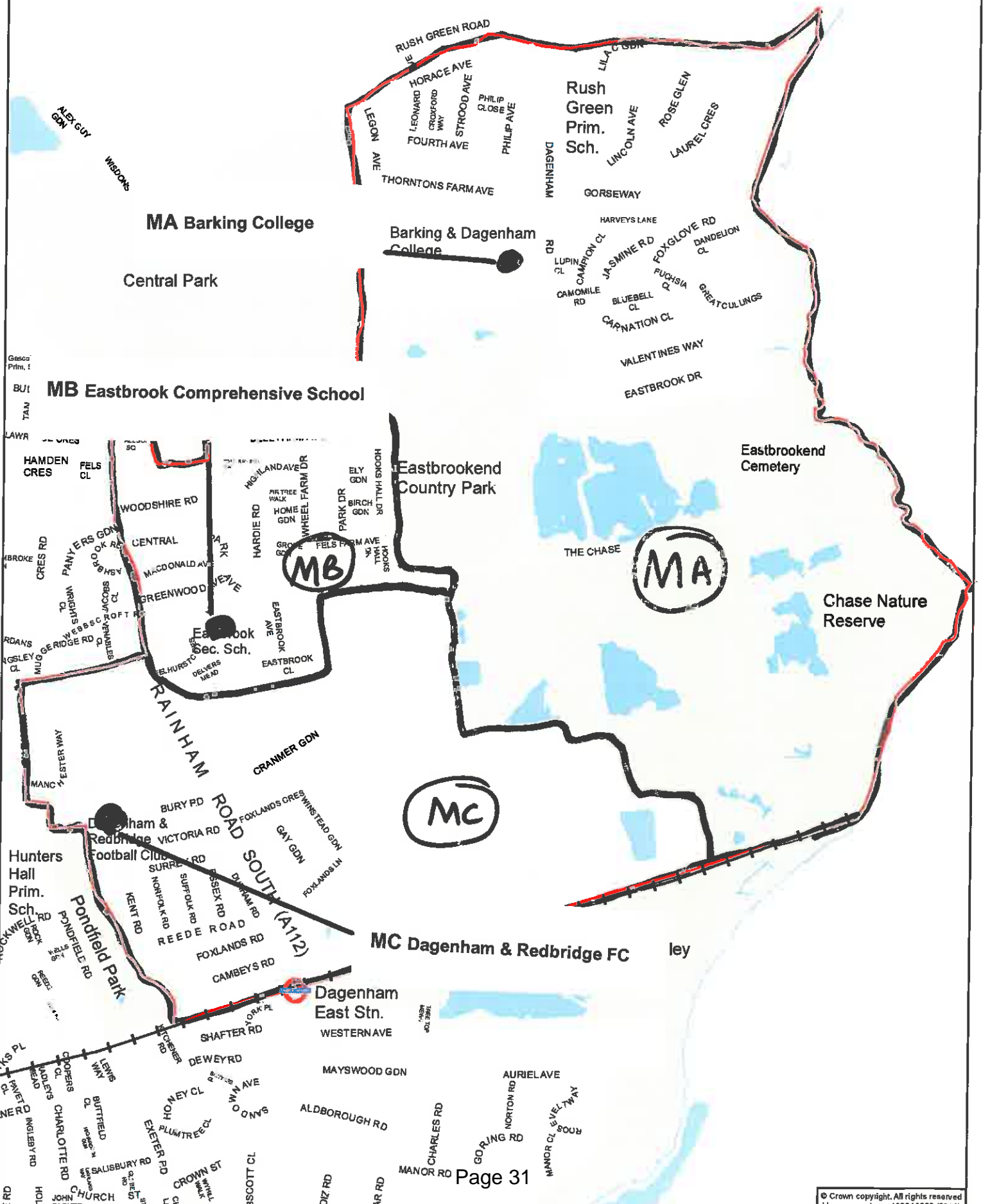
Mayesbrook Park

Dorothy Barley Inf & Jnr. Sch.

Parsloes Park



EASTBROOK



MA Barking College

Central Park

Barking & Dagenham College

Rush Green Prim. Sch.

MB Eastbrook Comprehensive School

Eastbrookend Country Park

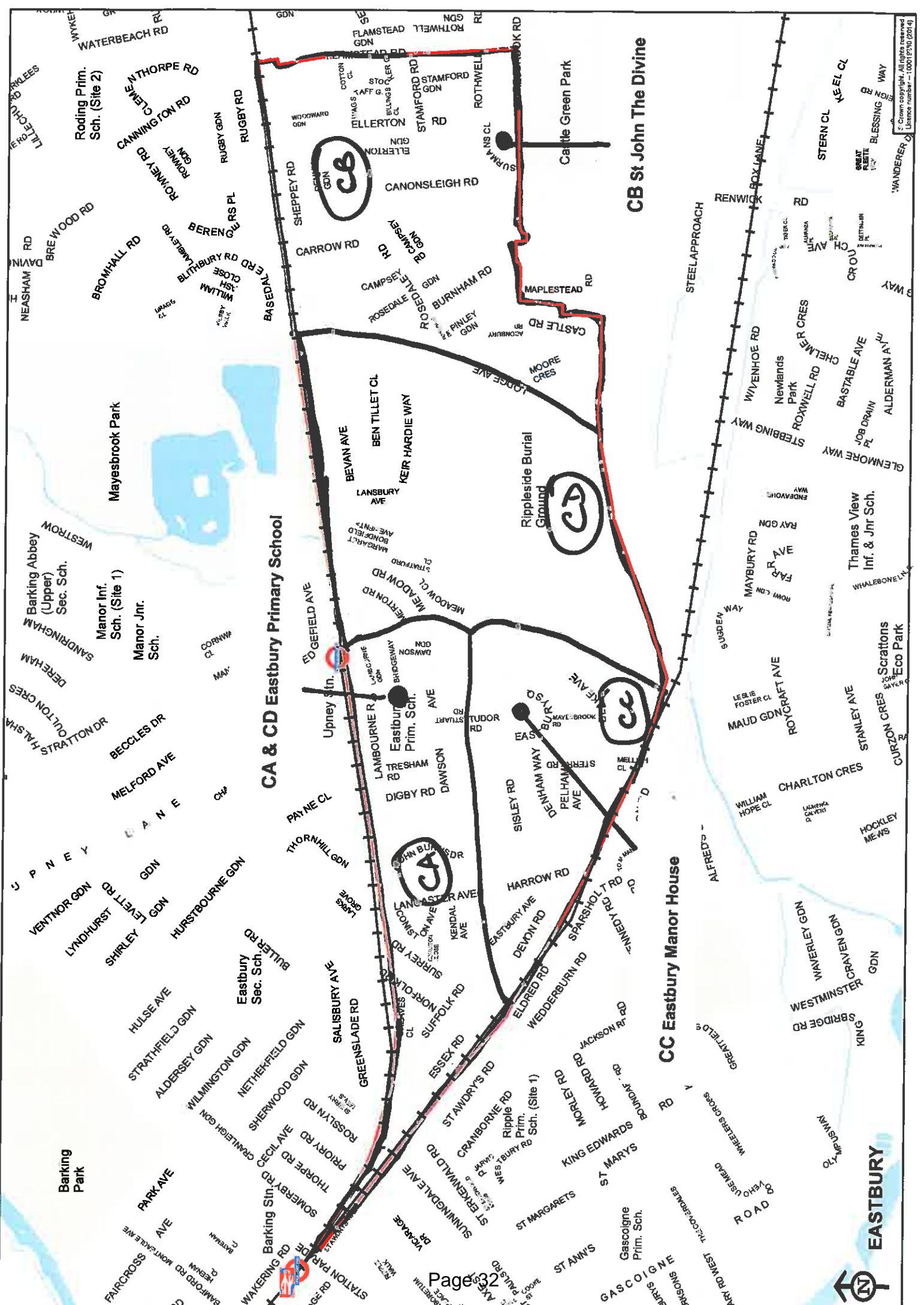
Eastbrookend Cemetery

Eastbrook Sec. Sch.

Hunters Hall Prim. Sch.

MC Dagenham & Redbridge FC

Dagenham East Stn.



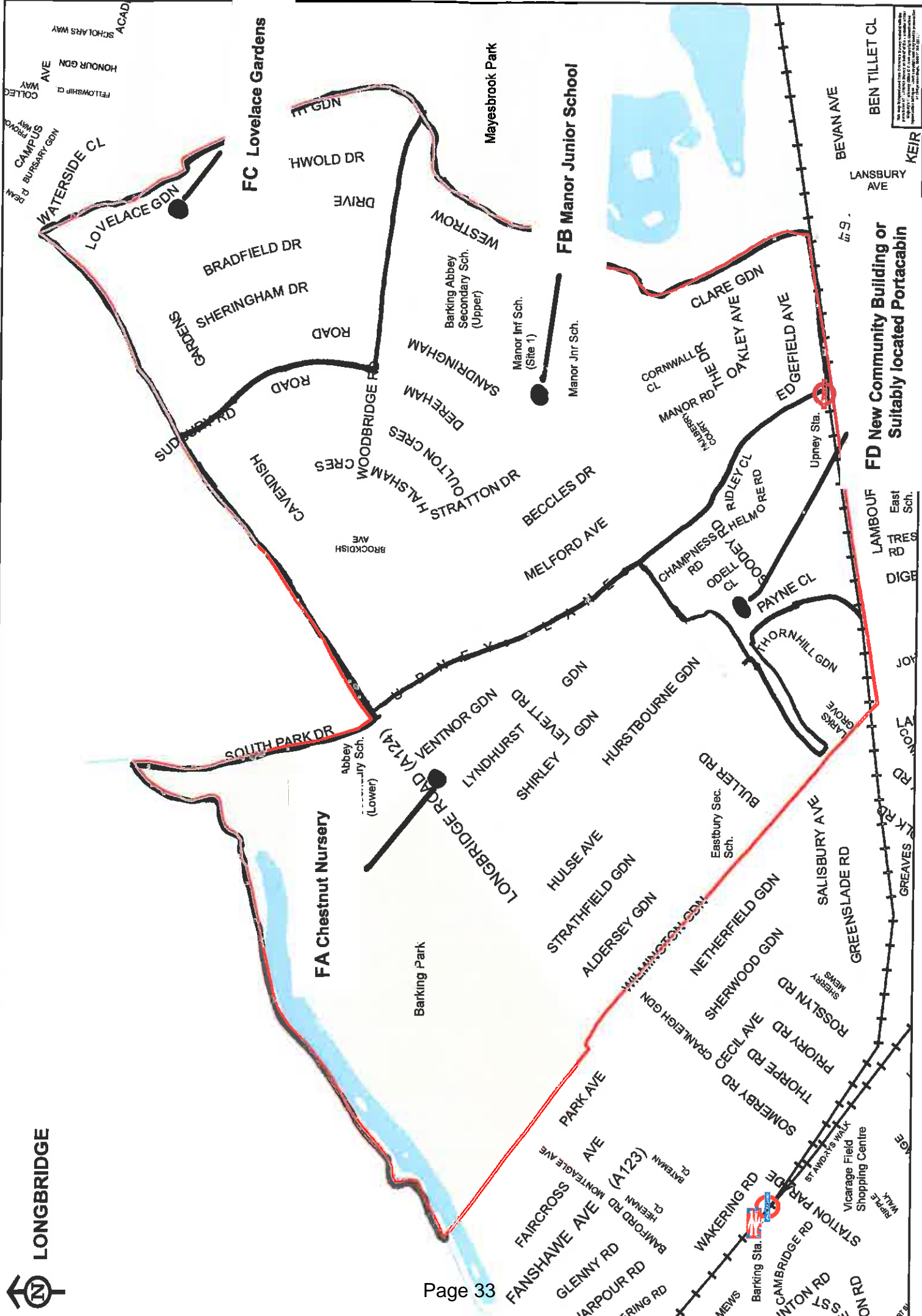
CA & CD Eastbury Primary School

CB St John The Divine

CC Eastbury Manor House

EASTBURY

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LONGBRIDGE

FD New Community Building or Suitably located Portacabin

KEIR
LANSBURY AVE
BEN TILLET CL

Upney Sta.
LAMBOUF East Sch.
DIGN
JOY
WOCK
RD
GROVES
GREENSLADE RD
SALISBURY AVE
THORNHILL GDN
PAYNE CL
SODEY CL
ODELL CL
CHAMPNESS CL
RIDLEY CL
MILNERS CURT
MANOR RD
THE DE
CORNWALL CL
CLARE GDN
OAKLEY AVE
EDGEFIELD AVE
BEVAN AVE

FB Manor Junior School

FC Lovelace Gardens

FA Chestnut Nursery

WATERSIDE CL
LOVELACE GDN

ACAD
SCHOOLARS WAY
HONOUR GDN
FELLOWSHIP CL
COLLEGE
CAMPUS
BURBURY GDN
AVE

BRADFIELD DR
SHERINGHAM DR
ROAD
WOODBRIDGE R
ROAD
SUDBURY RD
CAVENISH
WOODHAM
CRES
STRATTON DR
DEREHAM
SANDRINGHAM
WESTROW

Abbey Jnr Sch. (Lower)

LONGBRIDGE ROAD (A124)

VENTNOR GDN
LYNDHURST
SHIRLEY
LETT RD
LETT RD
HURSTBOURNE GDN
HULSE AVE
STRATHFIELD GDN
ALDERSEY GDN

FAIRCROSS AVE
FANSHAWE AVE (A123)
GLENNY RD
HARPOUR RD
WAKING RD
CAMBRIDGE RD
LINTON RD

NETHERFIELD GDN
SHERWOOD GDN
ROSSLYN RD
PRIORY RD
THORPE AVE
SOMERBY RD
GRANLEIGH GDN
WILLMINGTON GDN
PARK AVE
WAKING RD
CAMBRIDGE RD
LINTON RD

BULLER RD
Eastbury Sec. Sch.
SHERWOOD GDN
ROSSLYN RD
PRIORY RD
THORPE AVE
SOMERBY RD
GRANLEIGH GDN

BECCLES DR
MELFORD AVE
RIDLEY CL
HORMORE RD
PAYNE CL
THORNHILL GDN
LARKS GROVE
WOCK RD
GROVES
GREENSLADE RD
SALISBURY AVE
THORNHILL GDN
PAYNE CL
SODEY CL
ODELL CL
CHAMPNESS CL
RIDLEY CL
MILNERS CURT
MANOR RD
THE DE
CORNWALL CL
CLARE GDN
OAKLEY AVE
EDGEFIELD AVE
BEVAN AVE

Manor Inf Sch. (Site 1)
Manor Jnr Sch.

Barking Abbey Secondary Sch. (Upper)

Mayesbrook Park

WALK
Vicarage Field
Shopping Centre

East Sch.

LANSBURY AVE

BEN TILLET CL

WAKING RD

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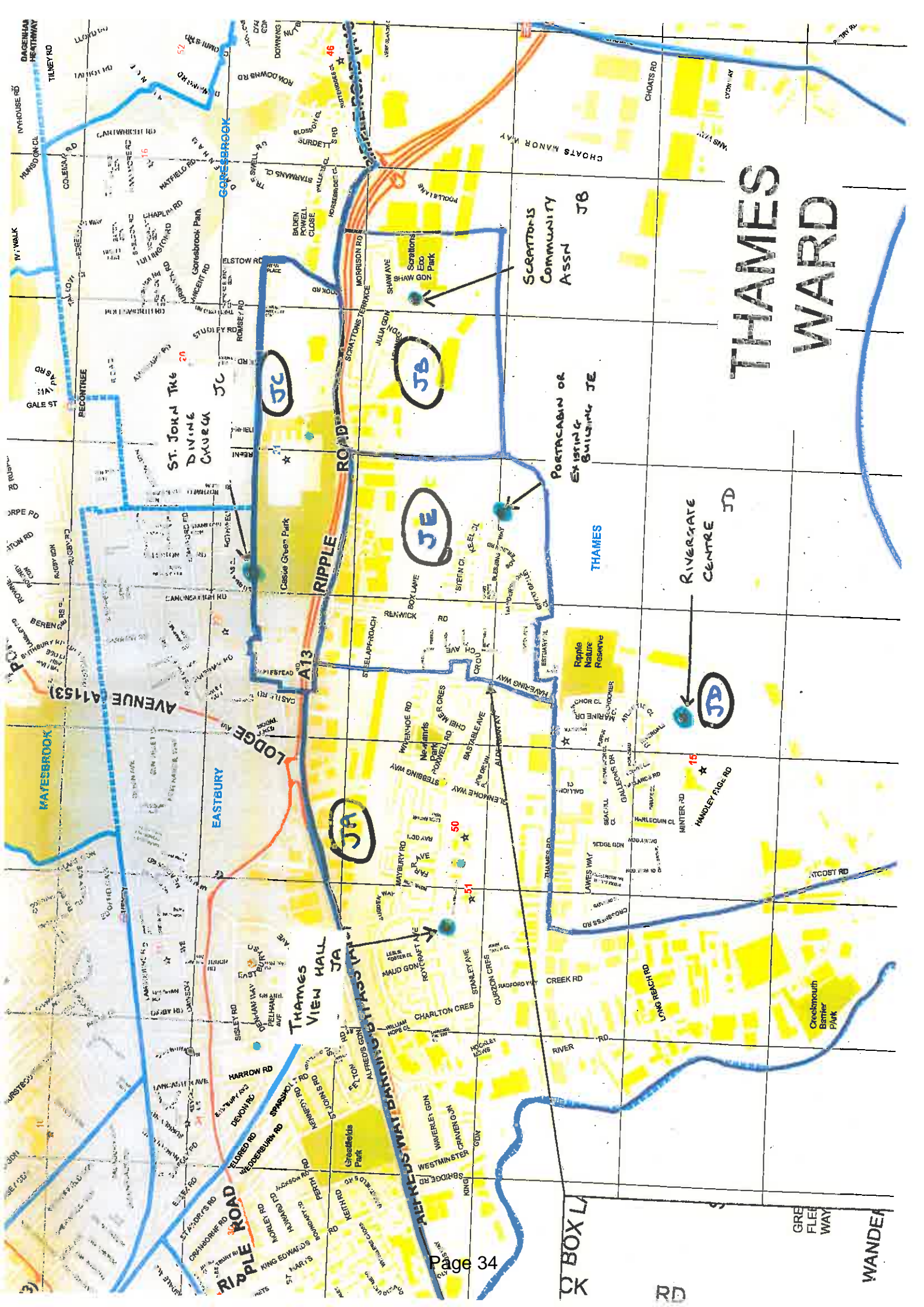
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THAMES WARD



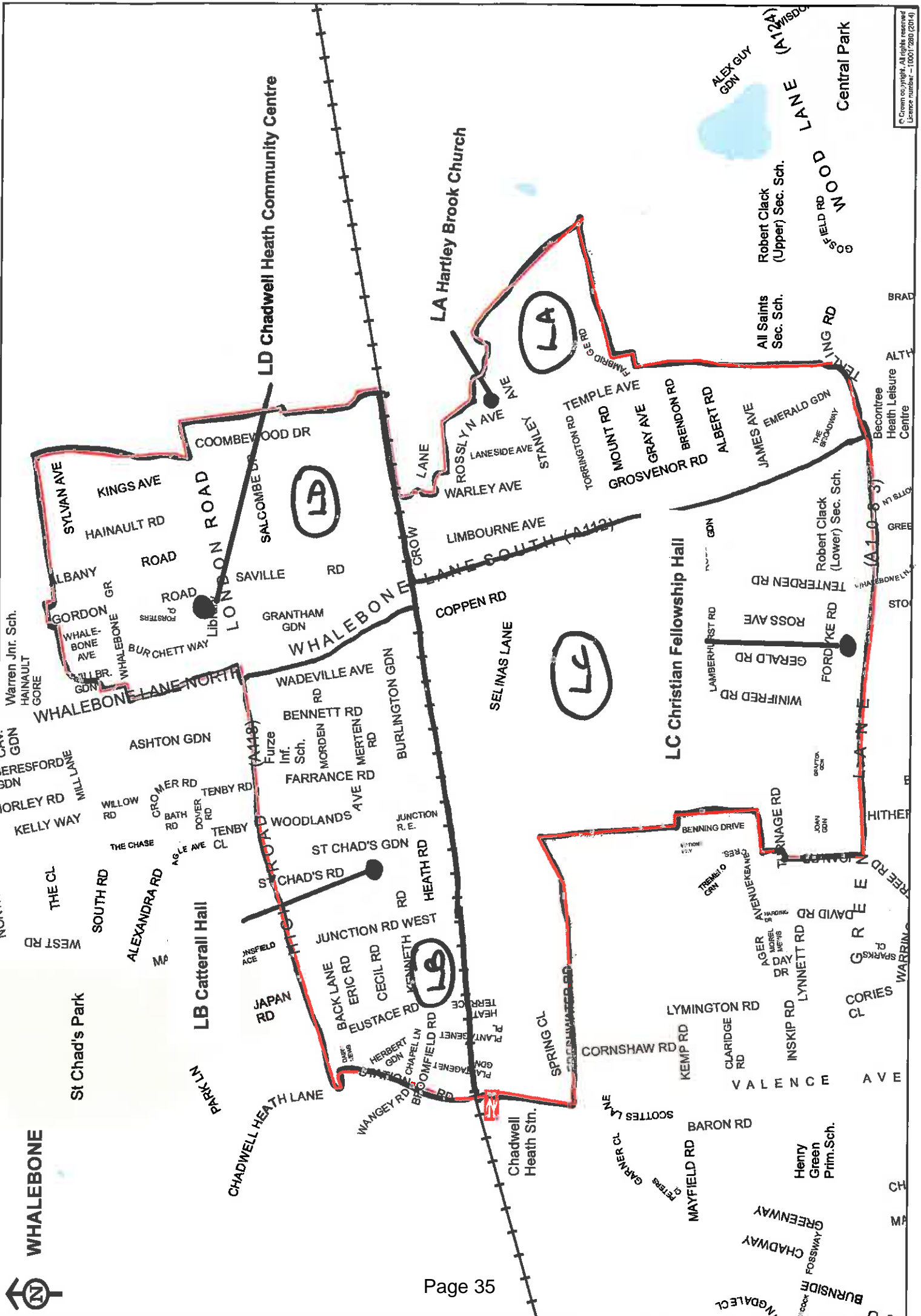
SCRATTONS
COMMUNITY
ASSN
JB

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EXISTING
BUILDING
JE

RIVERGATE
CENTRE
JD

ST. JOHN THE
DIVINE
CHURCH
JC

THAMES
VIEW HALL
JA



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